



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

OFFICE OF THE INDEPENDENT BUDGET ANALYST REPORT

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Response to Grand Jury Report: “Redevelopment Is Dead! Long Live Redevelopment!”

OVERVIEW

On April 30, 2013, the San Diego County Grand Jury filed a report with the San Diego Mayor and City Council entitled “Redevelopment Is Dead! Long Live Redevelopment!” The goal of the report was to examine activities of the City’s former Redevelopment Agency (RDA) and to highlight concerns related to the dissolution and winding down of the former RDA’s affairs and the need to identify funding sources for future redevelopment needs.

The Grand Jury Report included 15 findings and 12 recommendations. Of the 12 recommendations, six were directed to the Mayor and City Council and six were directed to the Mayor only. The Mayor and City Council are required to provide comments to the Presiding Judge of the San Diego Superior Court on each of the findings and recommendations relating to their respective items in the Grand Jury Report within 90 days; however, the City requested and was granted a 60-day extension. The response is due to the Presiding Judge on September 27, 2013.

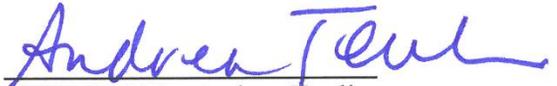
For each finding and recommendation directed to the City Council, the Council may (1) join the Mayor’s response; (2) respond with a modification to the Mayor’s response; or (3) respond independently of the Mayor. Our office obtained a copy of the Mayor’s draft response and has provided input and worked collaboratively with City staff. We have reached agreement on all responses. Therefore, the IBA is recommending that Interim Mayor Todd Gloria and the City Council provide a joint response to this Grand Jury report. The full text of the joint response is included as Attachment 1 to this report.

In responding to each Grand Jury finding, the City is required to either (1) agree with the finding or (2) disagree wholly or partially with the finding. Responses to Grand Jury recommendations must indicate that the recommendation (1) has been implemented; (2) has not yet been implemented, but will be in the future; (3) requires further analysis; or (4) will not be

implemented because it is not warranted or is not reasonable. Explanations for responses are requested when applicable.



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Attachments:

1. Recommended City Council Responses to Findings and Recommendations in San Diego County Grand Jury Report entitled “Redevelopment Is Dead! Long Live Redevelopment!”
2. Potential Legislative Amendments to Redevelopment Dissolution Laws – AB 26 and AB 1484
3. Urban Land Institute Report: Using the Proven Tools of Civic San Diego to Create Complete Communities (June 21, 2013)
4. San Diego County Grand Jury Report entitled “Redevelopment Is Dead! Long Live Redevelopment!”